

Remarks

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of the allowability of claims 45-47. Claims 36, 38-40, 42, 45 and 46 have been amended to remedy the informalities cited. Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 32-44 respectfully is requested in view of the following remarks.

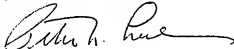
Each of the claims provides for at least one mount including a first rigid member connectable to the body of a vehicle, a second rigid body connectable to a wheel suspension system of a vehicle and a body of elastomeric material interconnecting such rigid members, having at least one pair of chambers provided with a damping liquid, and certain orifices interconnecting such chambers. It is submitted that the patent to Sugawara, principally relied upon in the rejection of Applicant's claims, neither discloses nor teaches a system for damping vibratory forces applied to a vehicle incorporating any such elastomeric body provided with at least two chambers containing a damping liquid, interconnected by a pair of orifices. The hydraulic cylinder of Sugawara clearly is not an elastomeric body. It is simply a conventional shock-absorber consisting of a metallic tube closed at the ends with a metallic piston with a head portion disposed in such tubes to provide a pair of variable chambers. The approach of the claimed invention in dampening detected vibrational forces is entirely different than that of Sugawara which utilizes a distinct device, i.e., a shock absorber for providing the damping action.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of claims 32-47 be withdrawn, such claims be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue. In the alternative, it is requested that this amendment be entered to place the application in better condition for appeal.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this

application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8369.017.US0000.

Respectfully submitted,

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